



A PERSONAL OBLIGATION

An establishment such as ours may well be judged by the caliber of its personnel. Here—every member of our staff is not only exceptionally capable—but, in addition, looks upon every detail of service as a personal obligation—to be performed with tactful consideration.

BONNEAU-JETER FUNERAL DIRECTORS

ELBA AND BRANTLEY

COLORED WOMAN DIES

Lillie Mae McBride, well known colored woman of the Curtis community, died August 6 at St. Margaret's hospital in Montgomery. She was 37 years of age, having been born January 30, 1903. She was married to Scrap McBride in July, 1917. To them were born eight children. Surviving are these eight children, her husband and mother.

DOUBLE SIX CLUB ENTER-TAINS FOR MRS. OGGS—

The Double Six bridge club was entertained at a delightful party, which also served as a farewell party for Mrs. Rex Oggs, by Mrs. Jim Whitman in her home Tuesday afternoon. A collection of summer flowers, with dahlias and marigolds predominating, were used in attractive decoration.

It will be FREE—It will be Cold

—Pepsi-Cola! At the Elba Cold Saturday.

Miss Margaret Edmondson of Fairburn, Ga., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Edmondson and family.

Miss Annie Joe, Sara and Nell Young, Betty and Jean Hartley, visited in Fort Walton Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Brunson and children of Saxon spent Sunday in Elba as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. English and other relatives.

Miss Dorothy Fleming of Asheville, N. C., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Rainer and children, Lamar and Freddy, have returned from a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Faber Rearse in Hamburg, S. C.

STRAY SOW—Spotted Poland China, weight 140 or 150 pounds, right ear cropped and underbit in left, was taken up several days ago, see J. W. (Duck) Parker, Elba.

FOR SALE—Model A Ford Tour Sedan; motor just been overhauled and re-bored; good tires—FRED BRYAN, Elba Rt. 2.

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THE ELBA THEATRE

WEEKLY PROGRAM

THURSDAY—LAST DAY
"ROAD TO SINGAPORE"
with
Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour
and
Bob Hope

FRIDAY—Double Feature
"OVER THE MOON"
with
MERLE OBERON
AND FEATURE WESTERN
On Stage—Hank Williams and
His Drifting Cowboys. . . Good
Old-Fashioned Hill-Billy Music!

SATURDAY—Bargain Day
Admission, 10c & 15c
"COLORADO SUNSET"
with
Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette
FREE—Ice Cold Pepsi-Cola!

SATURDAY, 10 P.M. ONLY
"THE LONE WOLF
STRIKES"
with
Warren William and Joan Perry
Admission, 10c & 20c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY
SHIRLEY TEMPLE
"THE BLUE BIRD"

TUESDAY Only—Bargain Day
"CONVICTED WOMAN"
with
Rochelle Hudson and Gale Page
Admission, 11c all seats

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
The Year's Most Delightful
Comedy
"BUCK BENNY RIDES
AGAIN"
with
Jack Benny, Andy Devine
and Rochester

MISS DOWLING HAS SPEND-
THE NIGHT PARTY—

Miss Martha Frances Dowling
entertained a group of friends at
an enjoyable spend-the-night party
in her home on Monday night,
the occasion celebrating her sev-
enteenth birthday.

Following a delicious buffet sup-
per, the guests were entertained
with various forms of amusement,
including a picture at the Elba
Theatre.

Guests for this party were Mes-
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Nell Young, Jean Rhodes, Eliza-
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FISHERMEN TRY THEIR
LUCK IN LAKE THOLOCO

By NELL FANNIN HUTCHISON
ENTERPRISE, Aug. 3.—People
from all Southeast Alabama and
more distant points gathered at
Lake Tholoco in the Pea River
State Forest Thursday to try their
luck on the opening day for fish-
ing in the lake.

Roads leading into the reserva-
tion were traveled in the small
hours of Thursday morning and
by 3:30 a.m. the sport began.
These folk, representing two
States and 50 towns, had come
from Birmingham, Montgomery,
Rainbridge, Ga., Phenix City,
Birmingham, Wetumpka, Gadsden,
Clayton, Eufaula, Dothan, Hunts-
ville, Headland, Hartford, Gio-
comb, Goshen, Andalusia, Brewton,
Opal, Enterprise, Doss, Bran-
dridge, Daleville, Louisville, Ash-
ford, Georgiana, Madrid, LaFayette,
Lapley, Cottonwood, Jack, Gou-
va, Elba, New Brockton, Troy,
Opelika, Union Springs, Laverne,
Auburn, Reola, Pinedale, Mal-
vern, Elmore, Capps, Banks, Shor-
ville, Hahburg, Tennille, Opp,
Arden, Clio and many smaller sur-
rounding communities.

The throng, estimated at 3,000
early in the afternoon, was in-
creased by newcomers until dark
and afterward, through the even-
ing until closing time, the lights
of motors shone along the ap-
proaching highways.

There were 150 private boats
used by fishermen on the lake and
the State boats were in service
throughout the day.

Regulations limited the catch to
a mixed string of 20, with the
bass catch limited to 10. The size
complied with the State's regu-
lated limitations.

The greater number of fish
caught were bass and black bass,
with bream predominating. A to-
tal of 646 fishing permits were
granted to persons of all ages from
small Johnnie to grandpa (and
grandma), who later smilingly
displayed their string. The first
fish caught during the day was a
3-4 pound bass caught by J. P.
Wilson, manager of the agency and
an experiment station at Head-
land.

From rosy dawn to purple dusk
the throng, in holiday mood, ringed
the lake shore. There was the
constant sound of dipping oars
and purring motors mingled with
the joyous cries of bathers along
the sandy beach.

"Those who came 'just to look'
and visit the trees and walk
visiting with their neighbors, re-
newed acquaintances and making
duals, 'wishing them down'
with 40 cases of soft drinks.
Watermelon cuttings were another
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COFFEE COUNTIANS AT
TROY HAVE PICNIC—

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people are on Troy State Teachers
College campus this summer, they
have organized a Coffee County
Club, with the following officers:
Chairman—R. L. Farris.
Secretary—Philip D. McKinnon.
Corresponding Secretary—Ida A.
Smith.

Treasurer—Gordon Swaine.
Social Committee—Ruth Moore.
Mrs. Gordon Swaine, Ned Young,
Mae Moore.

Entertainment Committee—Orie
Mae Moore, Mary Catherine Haire,
Hunter Garth.

Arrangement Committee—Carol
Peacock, Pres Wilson, Alton Dean,
Mae Moore.

On Wednesday, July 30th, at
6:30 p.m., the group enjoyed a de-
lightful picnic and splash party
at the college pool. An enjoyable
program was sponsored by the
program committee. Group sing-
ing was led by Mrs. Gordon Swaine.

Doc Littleton entertained the
group with humorous speeches.
An appetizing picnic lunch was
served to the following people:
Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dean, Mr. and
Mrs. Hunter Garth, Mr. and Mrs.
Gordon Swaine, Lehman Farris,
Cabot Nelson, Orie Mae Moore,
Pres Wilson, Ruth Moore, Gus
Kendrick, Ida Smith, Bob Willis,
Eloise Pullen, Carol Peacock, Mae
Moore, Philip McKinnon, Mrs. Eve
McKinnon, Mrs. June Amos,
Frank Harper, Doc Littleton and
Ed Fillingim.

This organization has been made
a permanent one on the S. T. C.
campus, with plans for many more
delightful entertainments. —P.M.

FARMERS WARNED AGAINST
OVERSIZED COTTON BALES

AUBURN, Ala.—Alabama farmers
who try to get too much cotton
into their bales may be at least
partly responsible for dam-
age that shows up later when the
bales go through the press.

J. Wilson of the Alabama State
Extension Service pointed out this
week.

When cotton is under extreme
pressure, as is the case at the
press, Wilson said, "fibers in the
overage bales are likely to be
torn or cut in such a manner that
their value to the spinner is re-
duced. Though the farmer does
not suffer directly, unless he is
the owner of the cotton at the
time it is compressed, he does
suffer through the lower prices
merchants and mills must pay for
other purchases to offset these
losses due to so-called air-cutting
of bales during compression."

The United States Department
of Agriculture recommends that
an effective way to reduce this
damage caused during bale com-
pression, and the subsequent loss
to farmers, is to deliver only
enough seed cotton to the gin to
produce a standard 500 pound bale
of 500-pound gross weight.

Wilson said, "show much less of
this in your cotton and you will
have more than 500 pounds of
cotton."

W. R. Sizemore, reservation for-
est manager, and his corps of as-
sistants are in charge, serving
the great throng with efficiency
and dispatch.

A big bottle of Pepsi-Cola FREE
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Cotton Dresses Are Latest Thing In Year's Fashion

FASHION is with the woman who has a very limited amount of money to spend on her summer wardrobe, for cotton is more popular than in several seasons past. As every woman knows, cotton is far less expensive, and more durable and lasting than other materials for hot, sticky summer wear. The thrifty and industrious woman who makes her own cotton frocks will want to know a few of the style trends before she goes shopping for materials and patterns.

Necklines are still high, and collars are receiving special attention—there are round collars, novel large collars, shawl collars and scarf-ties with a four-in hand like a man's cravat, but with very long ends.

Shoulders continue to use enough padding to give a balanced breadth to the figure. A few Dolman sleeves are seen and various deeply cut armholes are being used. Yokes are popular—some are formed by massed gathers from the bodice.

Skirts are a bit more slim, yet still have fullness; in many instances the fullness is at either back or front only. Pleats are used in the tailored styles—box pleats, or smaller pleats for softer dresses. A new trend in skirts shows the very long fitted hip and thigh with a deep gathered or pleated flounce, placing the skirt fullness low. Hip lines are either very smooth, or are exaggerated with peplums, pockets or large bows. Waistlines are marked; belts are more numerous, particularly the small belt placed to form a low waistline.

Colors are light, grayed and bright—lavender, mauve and amethyst tones are popular. Deep green, gray, blue, and navy are being much worn in covert cloth sports dresses in rayon. White is widely worn this summer.

In the good ole summer time its harder than ever to keep well groomed with the constant activity and the terrific heat of the season. Both clothes and the body require more care if one is to achieve that smart, sleek look that is so vital to America's young modern.

With dust and perspiration to clog the pores of the skin, cleansing methods assume new importance—probably the best method is to use a good face soap and scrub with a face brush. Cleansing creams or liquid cleansers may be used in addition. Powder, rouge, and lipstick must be carefully matched to the skin's new tann—probably several shades darker than the winter's skin tone.

Daintiness cannot be achieved unless underarm perspiration is stopped. A solution of aluminum chloride crystals (never over a 25 per cent solution) will do the trick. No one can look her best unless carriage is good—so a word to the wise—grooming will come to nought unless we stand up straight to summer's heat and never let it catch us in the slightest slump.

Selecting A Good Herd Sire

By F. W. BURNS
Extension Dairyman

THE word "bull" has more than one meaning. The only variety that will put money in the dairyman's pocketbook is the "bovine variety" that has the ability to transmit desirable type and high production. The selection of the herd sire is the most important decision the dairy cattle breeder has to make. The popular statement that "the sire is half the herd" is still far from being false. An outstanding sire can be responsible for a greatly improved herd, while a poor bull can ruin a herd in a short time. Every breeder is aware of the variation in the ability of bulls to sire production. Even so there are far too few dairymen that really endeavor to do something constructive about it.

Through dairy herd improvement associations in all parts of Alabama we are getting production records on the individual cows in these herds. In addition, we are getting dam and daughter comparisons of their milk-producing ability. By using these rec-

ords as a guide it is a comparatively simple matter for farmers in any community in Alabama to secure a young bull which will materially increase the production of the milk cows in their herds within a few short years.

There are enough "scrub" bulls in nearly every community in Alabama to more than pay for a production bred sire if sold and the proceeds invested in a bull from one of these herds that are being tested regularly for production. One of the greatest needs in developing dairying in Alabama at the present time is the more general use of production bred sires. Let's do something about it this summer in your community. Your county agent will be glad to work with any community group in assisting them to get some bulls of the right bovine variety.

It is estimated that one-fifth of all factory workers reemployed since 1932 have gone back to work because of increased purchases of farm families. This shows the relationship between farm prosperity and city prosperity—and vice versa.



Pictured above are the "junior members" of the Better Babies Club of Morgan County. These tots attend meetings of the club with their mothers who are studying how to make better homes for their children.

Better Babies Club Helps Mothers With Child Care

THE Better Babies Club of Morgan County has 28 babies and 26 mothers. The club has held three meetings and the babies come to each meeting with their mothers. This club was organized through the cooperation of Miss Erien Rowe, home demonstration agent, and the county health department.

The objects of the club are: to reduce the high percentage of rickets, anemia, dental decay and malnutrition among children; to emphasize the importance of the home's influence on the child's development; to develop a feeling of family and community responsibility for child welfare; to aid in developing healthier and happier children through the use of more practical and more attractive clothing; to develop self-

confidence and independence in children through the selection of self-help garments for children; to develop habits of good posture through selections of well-fitted, healthful garments and shoes.

Three monthly lessons have been given at this club. At each meeting the children are weighed and checked as to growth, and defects. Some of the defects found and which will be corrected are: bad teeth, skin trouble, bad tonsils and adenoids, gland ailments, nutritional diseases, incorrect posture, and head trouble. Mrs. Price M. Bryant is president of this club which consists of three communities. The monthly meetings are held at various homes. Mrs. Orbie Penn, Mrs. Varnell Bell and Mrs. Price M. Bryant have been hostesses.

Making A Home More Beautiful At Small Cost

MRS. Henry Creel, Jr., of Abbeville, Route 1, a member of Edwin Home Demonstration Club, is showing club women what a little money and a lot of will power will do in making a home attractive. Mrs. Creel realized before her neighborhood got electricity that unpainted walls would not reflect the maximum amount of light so she and her husband invested in \$1.50 worth of water paint to paint at least one room.

This paint spread on one room and three walls of another so additional paint was bought to finish out the fourth wall. The total cost was around \$2.00 and there

are two fresh rooms for the family to enjoy. The kitchen was then so dark that oil paint was bought for it and plans are now being made to paint the two remaining rooms of the attractive home.

Mrs. Creel decided that her living room needed remodeling so with about \$3.00 she bought materials to recover her wicker suit and did a professional's job on it. A barrel chair and a few odd tables and new curtains made an otherwise ordinary room into one that any person would be glad to entertain their friends in. Mrs. Creel says that for less than \$10.00 she has three rooms quite nice now and hopes to complete her job this year.

Mrs. Creel is one of the County pantry demonstrators and is planning her garden and canning budget in order to feed her family economically and safely through the winter that is sure to come.

Cooperating In Farm And Home Demonstration

MR. and Mrs. Fred Davis of Chambers County, are cooperating with the Extension Service in carrying out a "Farm and Home Project," one of five such projects being conducted in this section of the State, report the farm and home agents of Chambers County.

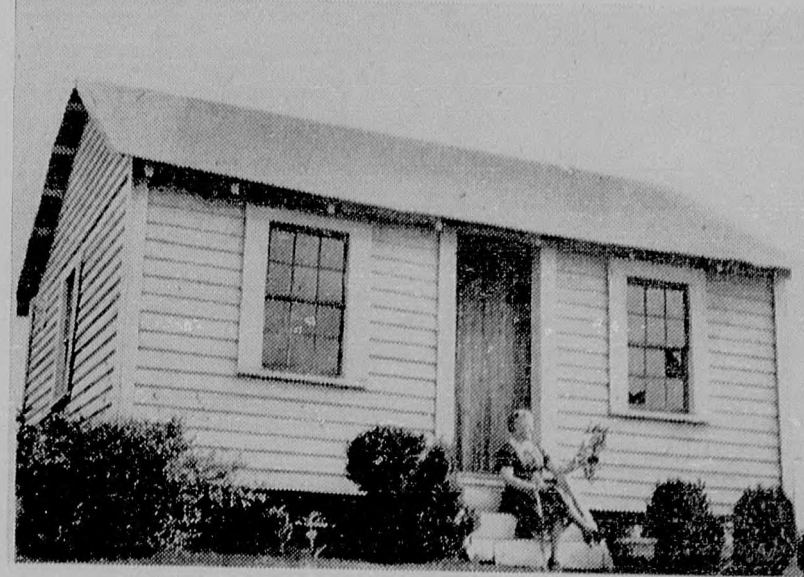
At present the house occupied by the Davises and their three children is being remodeled. Mr. Davis is doing the major part of the work, at a minimum cost with the assistance of tenants on the farm. Changes being made in the five-room house which will convert it into a very attractive and comfortable farm home are: addition of a bedroom, bath which will be equipped at a later date, screened front porch, rock terrace, and additional storage space. The house has been recovered and will be painted before the remodeling is complete.

Mr. Davis is cooperating in the Piedmont Soil Conservation District Program and has set as one of the major goals the construction of a complete terrace and water disposal system for the entire farm. Already he has constructed 10 acres of slip scrape terraces at a labor cost of \$6.00 which entitles him to approximately \$30.00 of soil building payments under the AAA program.

The farm income will be increased, in accordance with the family's long time goals, by the sale of farm products at the Chambers County curb market, increasing the present poultry flock of 135 hens, and by increasing livestock sales after improved pastures are established and the permanent hay acreage of kudzu and sericea becomes productive.

Methods Of Keeping Sweet Potato Seed

C. F. Clark, Bureau of Plant Industry, USDA, reports in the American Potato Journal for June on his experiments on the longevity of potato seed. In conclusion, Mr. Clark says that tests were made of potato seed stored for thirteen years under four conditions. Those stored at room temperature in an envelope were found to maintain the least viability. Those stored in a bottle at room temperature were slightly more viable. Seed stored at 40 degrees F. showed no decline in viability until after eleven years of storage. A temperature of 32 degrees F. not only prolonged the life of the seed to the end of the thirteen year storage period, but appeared to have a stimulating effect, since the highest percentages of germination in this lot were obtained during the last five years of the test.



Mrs. L. W. Runyan, who lives near Ashville in Clay County, has been an active home demonstration club worker for the last 20 years. She is shown at right seated on the front steps of her home. At left is a picture of the Lystra club house which was the first built in Clay County. Mrs. Runyan, who is an active leader in the club, is shown seated on the front steps of the house.

Looking Back Over Twenty Years With A Veteran Clay County Club Leader

WHAT are the satisfactions of community leadership? Mrs. L. W. Runyan, of the Lystra Club in Clay County, should have some answers. At 66 years of age, she has recently celebrated her golden wedding anniversary and has a record of 20 years as a club leader. During that time she has never missed a leadership school or club meeting except in a few instances when she was too sick to be present or had to attend a church function.

Asked by Mrs. J. E. S. Rudd, Clay County home agent, for the highlights of her club life Mrs. Runyan recalls that she was married when she was 16 years old and has lived on a farm all of her life.

"Of course I have always tried to be a good housekeeper, cook, and seamstress, but I knew I could learn more about these things so I read, got new ideas from friends and neighbors and when the first home demonstration club was organized in our community I joined. I remember our first demonstration was making and using a fireless cooker and the next was on canning."

"About six or seven years ago we felt such a need for a club house that we discussed it in club, made plans, appointed committees, set to work, and Lystra Club house became the first to be built in Clay County. When Runyan wanted to find me, he went to the club house," she recalls with a smile.

"Yes, for a while it was that way. You see, there were so many things to be done, money to raise and details to work out because we could not get much money. We had suppers, quilts, parties, donations and the club ladies worked so cheerfully and we enjoyed working together. We needed shrubbery for base plantings. It was all donated and we

gave a working to get the grounds cleaned off and the shrubbery set. I was interested in the growth of our shrubbery, particularly, as I was chairman of the shrubbery committee. I have been a leader in one way or another for 20 years," she mused, "if you count being chairman of committees too."

"We made beautiful things from feed sacks, curtains for the club house, table cloths, etc. At home I did a great deal of work with feed sacks, making curtains, draperies, spreads, as well as good-looking dresses and other garments. Our agent gave us instructions also, and our club became so interested in making things from feed sacks that we held an exhibit in the Court House at one of our rallies. I received so many calls for the formula for the removal of letters from sacks that I asked our agent to mimeograph the recipe and send it to all the club members. Of course, we were thrilled to have our agent ask for an exhibit to carry over the county and I was very glad to let her have some of my prettiest things."

"Our children are all grown, married, and most of our grand children are grown and some married. During their bringing up, I had a Sunday School class which continued for years and I am a member of our various adult organizations now, doing my bit. As a member of the P.T.A. and before, we have always stood for our schools. I think no one is ever too old or too far removed to attend the P.T.A."

"Home improvement has always been interesting to me. We keep our house painted for protection as well as for beauty. We have built-in cabinets in the kitchen, cut a new door into the dining room, refinished the walls with home-made paint, improved

storage space, and sodded the yards and set shrubbery around the house. Through the years the house has emerged into a most comfortable place to live and is 'Home Sweet Home' to us."

"My present club activity is being chairman of the mattress making at Lystra center. We have made 44 mattresses so far and I have kept my receipts and records straight. I am glad to serve and were not called upon to do my part, after 20 years of leadership. Some people might think it was time to shift responsibilities altogether, but don't you think if one stops it would be almost suicidal? If I am 66 years old I still love club work and want to do my part for the community as well as continue to get new ideas for myself. It gives me new interest and keeps me up-to-date."

Crimson Clover Pays

W. V. Martin, a Winston County farmer, who lives near Double Springs, is a booster for crimson clover. Not only is Mr. Martin a crimson clover booster, but he has also proved to be a good grower of this winter cover crop and soil builder.

Last fall Mr. Martin sowed a field of six acres and made approximately 6,000 pounds of chaffy seed, or about 1000 pounds of chaffy seed per acre. Valued at six cents per pound, the 6,000 pounds are worth \$360.00. Estimating the value of the seed in terms of lint cotton, they are worth about nine bales of cotton.

Mr. Martin estimated that after paying all expenses in connection with growing and harvesting this seed crop, he will net about \$300.00 profit.





Few home demonstration club members can match the attendance records of Mrs. T. M. Fletcher and Mrs. W. A. Monroe. They are members of the Duck Springs Club in Etowah County.

Sisters Are Loyal Club Members

Duck Springs Club, in Etowah County, has two members who attend club very regularly, they are Mrs. T. M. Fletcher and Mrs. W. A. Monroe, both of Route 1, Keener, Alabama. They are sisters and widows. They live together and this winter they quilted 22 quilts. Some of these were for themselves, some for their children, and they were paid to quilt some.

Mrs. Fletcher has been a mem-

ber of the club for 15 years. She has attended eight camps. Mrs. Monroe moved to the neighborhood eight years ago and she has been a member of the club ever since and has also been attending camps. They arrive on Wednesday afternoon and stay until Saturday afternoon. They are splendid sports and call themselves Sarah and Sally. They go in swimming and let the girls paint their finger nails and just have a general good time.

Looking Over Fence To See Slip Terraces

JOE A. SMITH, farmer living in the Center Community in Henry County, is really sold on the idea of the slip-scoop method of terrace construction.

Mr. Smith's farm was one of 14 farms in Henry County selected last winter on which to hold terrace building demonstrations. The area selected to terrace during the demonstration was very badly washed by both sheet and gully erosion. The old terraces on the area were broken in many places and were not run correctly.

During the demonstration a part of one terrace was completed. At Mr. Smith's request, terrace lines on the remainder of the field were run for him to build the terraces.

Mr. Smith completed the terraces for the entire area which he estimates to be about five acres. He says, "I finished the terraces at a total cost of \$12.65, not

counting mule labor, but I had to feed my mules whether they were working or not." He figures that he built the terraces at a cost of about \$18.50 per mile. All of the terraces are the Nichol's type and will pass AAA requirements for Class II payment.

Mr. Smith says, "I estimate the value of the land at least \$25 per acre." When asked if many people stopped to inspect his terraces, Smith replied, "Why, everybody in this whole community looks over this field every time they pass."

Lives At Home

Mrs. A. J. Ponder, Talladega, Alabama, Route 3, believes in a live-at-home program. She says that there is not a day in the year that she doesn't have home grown meat, milk, and butter, poultry and eggs and fresh vegetables to serve whenever she wants them. She is canning according to a budget, is making kraut and bringing products.

Her poultry, she thinks, is a splendid cash crop. In addition to furnishing all the eggs and poultry products the 85 hens give her a clear cash return of \$2.50 per week.



Along the Way
with P. O. DAVIS

Let's Make The Most Of
This Opportunity
Of A Lifetime

THE Federal Government, through the AAA, is offering to farmers certain grants of aid including payment for terraces, phosphatic fertilizers, lime, and seed of winter legumes. It reimpreses me with the importance of improving our soil. In fact, rich land is the paramount production need of every farmer.

There are three major steps in making land productive. The first is to get it in condition to retain and use ample plant food. For most of our cropland this means terracing where good terraces have not been made. In smaller areas it means drainage; and in other areas vegetation is the best way. Terracing, however, tops the list among the steps necessary to get the soil in shape to retain and use fertility.

After this is done the second and third steps are a combination. They are phosphate and lime. Phosphate is a plant food of which most soils in Alabama are deficient. Lime is a conditioner.

Any farmer who has his land in condition to retain fertility with enough phosphate and lime in it is ready for winter legumes to add nitrogen and humus. He is also ready to make a real pasture—one that will produce a liberal amount of nutritive grazing for livestock. His soil is also in condition to make cotton, corn, oats, hay and other crops.

Summarizing it, therefore, the primary soil needs of most farmers are terracing, phosphate and lime. Because of the importance of these a major portion of the grant of aid allotments should go into them this fall and every year hereafter until the job is done.

Before me as I write this is a report of soil-building practices in Alabama in 1939. It reveals that in many counties farmers missed the big target by earning substantial portions of their soil-building allotments through summer legumes which are of little net value and contribute only slightly to building richer land and better farming.

Some counties earned more than half of their soil-building allotments through summer legumes. For them it would have been much better if they had earned this money by terracing, phosphate, and lime. One county where terracing is vitally needed and where the land is deficient in phosphate and lime earned only three per cent of the total on these fundamentals. On summer legumes this county earned 48.8 per cent. In our judgment three-fourths of it should have been earned on the terracing-phosphate-lime combination.

This grant of aid program is now available. County agents and AAA workers are meeting with farmers and discussing it. Farmers are placing their orders for the products named and also Austrian winter peas. The Federal Government, through AAA, has bought a huge supply of Austrian peas for delivery and planting this year. Phosphate and lime are available in ample quantities. Therefore, this is an excellent opportunity for farmers to do a good job in improving their land in a fundamental way at no cost to them.

Make the soil itself more secure and richer. When this is done you will be ready for more livestock through better pastures and also more of other products which farmers produce for sale or for consumption at home. In fact, row crops such as cotton and corn, hay crops and such as small grains, pastures, gardens, and truck crops are all products of the soil. The more secure it is and the richer the greater the harvest.

Reference to oats reminds me of some of the recent developments in Alabama. A year ago we emphasized the value of oats and substantially. The total, however, was a very minor portion of the acreage we should have had.

Notwithstanding the fact that last winter was severely cold, oats, which were properly planted at the right time last fall, came through with high yields. From the Tennessee line to the Gulf of Mexico and from Georgia to Mississippi encouraging reports about oats have come from farmers based on their own experiences.

Again, therefore, we call attention to oats primarily as a grain crop but also for soil protection. In feed production oats are substantially ahead of corn in Alabama. Stated differently, farmers can make more feed on an acre and at lower cost by planting oats.



Near Shawmut, in "the valley section" is the first roadside market of its kind. Above is the market committee elected by the sellers: A. F. Reynolds, chairman; Mrs. C. W. Freeman, and Mrs. J. W. Champion.



This is a view of the roadside market which was recently opened near Shawmut. Located in a grove of pines, the market makes an attractive picture. Chambers County farmers will have another source of income with the development of this market which is attracting customers from a wide area in the valley area.



Nellie Daughtry, home demonstration agent, who is pictured on the right above, has worked hard to make the market a success. She is shown with Ruth Dobyn, left, extension district supervisor.

State's 4-H Clubs Hold Annual Leadership Camp

WITH each county represented by four outstanding members, the Alabama 4-H Clubs held their annual leadership training camp at Auburn in July.

More than 350 boys and girls and their leaders attended the camp which featured talks on subjects of interest to youth, discussion groups which were run by the boys and girls, and recreation.

Elected officers of the Alabama 4-H Club Council were: Fred Summers, Elmore County, president; Gloria Dickinson, Etowah County, vice-president, and Evelyn Martin, Dallas County, secretary. They succeed Blanche Bachelor, Escambia County; Freeman Smith, Morgan County; and Howard Johnson, Jr., Tallapoosa County.

The camp was under the direction of T. A. "Dad" Sims, State 4-H Leader; Miss Elizabeth DeLony, State 4-H Girls' Leader, and Tom Lumpkin, State 4-H Boys' Leader.

Dr. L. N. Duncan, president, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, told the boys and girls the commercial value of obtaining an education and of its place in the development of leadership.

"Don't expect to start with top pay in any given job," Dr. Rosa Lee Walston, dean of women, advised the boys and girls. "If I were 17 and looking for a job I would acquire just as much education as my pocketbook and mind would afford. And while absorbing my education, I would learn how to get along with people, and like what they do."

P. O. Davis, director of the State Extension Service, started the week by holding up a number of challenges to the youths. These challenges included educational training, health development, home and family improvements, restoration of community life in rural Alabama and loyalty to the county, state, and nation.

"Well filled pantries and smokehouses, a year-round gar-

den, a good home orchard, dairy cows and poultry are equivalent to cash in the bank," Etna McGaugh, state home demonstration agent, told the club members. "There is more adventure and romance in growing a calf, a pig or producing poultry than there is in performing a routine job in town," she said.

Dr. B. F. Austin, state health department, Montgomery, congratulated the boys and girls upon the progress they are making in health improvement in rural Alabama. He stated that he has observed considerable improvement during the time that he has been judging 4-H health contests during the past several years.

Butler Farmer's "Bee Factory" Sells To Canada

ZED GAFFORD, operator of a four-mule farm in Grant community of Butler County, has made a hit with Canadian honey producers.

He sold between 1100 and 1200 pounds of bees (approximately 3,500,000) this year. The majority of these bees went to Canada. One Canadian buyer bought 750 pounds at one time. He said that Mr. Gafford's bees produced more honey than any bees that he had ever bought. One colony produced 550 pounds of honey, as compared to 90 to 95 pound average per colony in Canada.

Mr. Gafford claims to have a special strain of bees, which he imported from Russia in 1926.

Mr. Gafford this year bought a new combine and tractor to harvest his 52 acres of oats and some for his neighbors. He has been raising oats on a large scale for the past eight years and says that he has never made a failure. He raises his own seed and treats

Roadside Market For Farm Produce Opened At Shawmut

LOCATED near Shawmut in Alabama's famed "valley section" is the first roadside market of its kind in the State. Run like the curb markets which have been successful in many cities and towns, this new outlet for farm produce is the result of work and planning on the part of Chambers County farm families, the county extension staff and several public-spirited citizens.

The market has attracted individual stands for sellers and these are located in a grove along the highway. When it held its opening day recently, several hundred people from the area were on hand and saw attractive displays of all varieties of farm produce,

according to Nellie Daughtry, home demonstration agent, who helped organize the enterprise. The market is designed to open up new sources of income for farm families in the section, and will make it possible for them, in turn, to purchase more products from town merchants.

Other advantages are that the market will, as one farmer put it, "give us an opportunity to make new friends, both among farmers and with people from the town." In this way, he pointed out, the market will serve to build up a spirit of neighborliness and understanding, both among farm families and between farm and townspeople.

Whey Helps Save On Feeding Bills

Farmers of Perry County are utilizing whey, a valuable milk by-product, in the production of livestock. This by-product is used in feeding hogs, chickens, turkeys, and calves.

At present, the whey from 30,000 pounds of milk daily is being given to the patrons of the plant. One milk truck pulls a 350 gallon trailer tank giving to each patron an amount of whey equivalent to the amount of milk shipped.

Several farmers have grown out hogs on whey and pasture alone—no grain at all being fed. One farmer, raised ten calves from three days to one year old on sweet whey and pasture—no milk or grain being fed.

Those patrons using whey for poultry, feed it as a wet mash. One farmer reports that turkeys given free choice of whey mash or dry mash would not eat the dry mash until all the whey mash had been consumed.

The feeding of whey and good pasture is equivalent to the feeding of skim milk as a feed supplement, says G. W. Hall, assistant county agent.

Profitable Surplus

"We feed two cows, pay the family grocery bill and practically clothe the family with the money earned from selling the surplus butter and milk from our two cows," says Mrs. J. H. Harper of the Ebenezer home demonstration club in Shelby County.

Since February 22, the Harpers have made better than \$6.00 per week, a total of \$135.00, by selling butter, buttermilk, and sweet milk. They grow the corn, velvet beans, and trade cotton seed for cottonseed meal. The only feed they buy for the cows is a commercial dairy feed.

Did You Know That Soybeans Are One Of Healthiest Foods?

SOYBEANS are now becoming valuable as a vegetable for the table. They compare with common table beans and rank higher in food value. They are richer in protein and fat and can be used to a better advantage than that of other beans. The fresh green soybeans are very rich in Vitamin A, especially the varieties that are deepest green in color. They are a very good source of Vitamin B.

When the beans have reached nearly full size but are still green and succulent, they are a most palatable and nutritious green vegetable, either shelled or cooked in the pods.

To shell the green beans, boil in the pods first for three to five minutes. Then the shelled beans may be steamed or boiled in lightly salted water. Then, if the cooking depends upon the variety. Because they are so rich they need only simple seasoning with salt and pepper to taste and a little melted butter or crisply fried bacon or salt pork.

The cooked beans make a good scalloped dish when mixed with tomato or white sauce, covered with bread crumbs. When cold, the cooked beans are excellent in vegetable salads.

Like other beans, green soybeans may be canned if processed in the steam pressure canner and here are the instructions for canning.

Cover beans with boiling water and pre-cook for three to four minutes. Fill at once into containers to about seven-eighths capacity. Add one-half teaspoon salt to each pint and cover with boiling water. Small pieces of pork may be added. Process at 240 F. pint jars 80 minutes, quart jars 90, No. 2 tin cans 70 and No. 3 tin cans 85 minutes.

CANNING CORN

For flavor and tenderness in canned corn, best results are obtained by packing the corn immediately after it is picked, advises Lavada Curtis, specialist in food preservation of the State extension service.

"Unless you are able to meet these conditions it is better not to make the attempt of canning corn," she says. "When corn is pulled several hours in advance to canning, it will become dark, has the appearance of older corn and develops a brine clash. Corn loses most of its sugar content within six hours after gathering."

Extremely young corn will show less change in flavor and color than more mature corn. Corn canned whole grain style will have a better flavor and color than cream style corn. It is processed a shorter period of time and at a lower temperature.

All maturities of corn except extremely young ones, will darken in direct proportion to the depth of cut. Too, sugar will darken corn.

The cooling of corn is very im-

portant. If the containers are not cooled quickly the sugar of the corn is changed into lactic acid and in this manner produces sour corn.

Shows That Home Can Be Improved At Small Cost

MRS. J. C. Merritt, of the Old Zion Home Demonstration Club has recently accomplished some of the improvements she had hoped to have in and around her home and is making plans to do even more.

Mrs. Merritt had her house partly remodeled. She had a new roof put on and made a new porch with cement steps and posts. Windows were repaired and several added. Built-in cabinets had already been added to her kitchen before this work was begun and last September she furnished materials for the studio couch demonstration in her club.

These materials cost her about \$8.00 when the couch was completed.

This fall Mrs. Merritt plans to change her front hall into a living room and to paint her entire house.

In making these improvements Mrs. Merritt doesn't put aside her other phases of home making. She raises chickens for home use and some to sell. Most of her chickens are white leghorn; however, she has recently added a few Rhode Island Reds to her flock. She now has 150 chickens in all. Mrs. Merritt said that during the month of January she received \$10.00 from chickens sold. She also sells eggs along when the price is good.

Mrs. Merritt said, "counting the eggs and chickens we use at home with those we sold I feel sure my chickens have more than paid for themselves."

Had You Heard?

Every farm with 15 or more head of cattle should have a silo. Your county agent can explain the construction of an inexpensive but satisfactory trench silo.

Of course Mr. Cameron raises a lot of the feed stuff on the farm. He has seen the need of crops other than cotton so he plants corn, peanuts, hay and other feeds and has good pastures. He feeds hogs for the market, selling about 50 head each year. A herd of four or five cows are kept at all times, the milk fed to hogs and chicks and the cream sold on the local market.

Nobody likes a bad egg. Heat, fertility and dirt on the shell are the three things most apt to destroy quality.

The man who leaves his fields bare, barely gets along.



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cameron and son live in the Pilgrim Community in Henry County. They are shown on the front porch of their home which was completed with income from a poultry flock.

Henry County Family Has A Balanced Farm Program

SIX years ago Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cameron, of Pilgrim Community in Henry County, completed a modern six-room bungalow. Now Mrs. Cameron tells a most interesting story of her work as a housekeeper and homemaker since that time:

"When my husband and I decided to build a home we called in our home agent, who was Miss Mamie Mathews then, to help us with our plan. We built a six-room house and finished up the outside but left the inside to finish as we could. With short crops and little money on hand we decided in 1935 that we would have to look about for another source of income in order to have the things that we so wanted for our home."

"In 1935, we decided to try chickens, so started with 300 Barded Rocks. From this lot we got about 100 good pullets and sold about that many broilers, using the money for feed. We had our pullets blood-tested that fall and sold eggs to a hatchery from September to May. Each year since then we have had chickens, buying the best that we could get, feeding them by the Auburn method, had them blood-tested and sold eggs to a hatchery. Our yearly receipts from our chicks alone have been on an average of—broilers sold \$50.00, eggs sold, about 8 months average \$50.00, per month; surplus eggs sold during summer on local market and hens culled after spring laying and sold."

Of course Mr. Cameron raises a lot of the feed stuff on the farm. He has seen the need of crops other than cotton so he plants corn, peanuts, hay and other feeds and has good pastures. He feeds hogs for the market, selling about 50 head each year. A herd of four or five cows are kept at all times, the milk fed to hogs and chicks and the cream sold on the local market.

While the Camerons have been seeing about this business of making a living they have also been finishing up the attractive home

that they started in 1934.

The chickens first furnished the guest bedroom. After that walls inside the house were painted. No help lived near so Mr. and Mrs. Cameron decided that the next venture would be to build a tenant house near by for help about the place. Seventy dollars of chicken money, put with some other, went into a modern tenant home about one-fourth mile away from the main house.

Again money was saved and this time for cabinets and a sink in the kitchen, and a windmill and tank to supply water for the home and farm. This was about two years ago. This year a bath room, green tile with a shower and hot and cold water, has been installed. Very recently the house has been wired for R.E.A. power and an electric refrigerator and modern new wood range added to the home.

The home grounds have been developed along with the interior of the house. The yards have been sodded and planted, following a plan. A flower garden adds its color to the place. Mr. Cameron has a well arranged group of farm buildings, stained to preserve the material, and a modern chicken yard with houses, built by the Auburn method, completes the farm picture.

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Taking Care Of Your Mattress

A COMFORTABLE bed for every farm family is a possibility within the near future, reports Nell Pickens, extension economist, home management, in advising farm women to "Take care of your mattress."

"With literally thousands of mattresses being made under the cotton mattress demonstration program, and the thousands that were made during the state mattress campaign, the information on what to do and how to do it, has been well distributed among the farm families of Alabama," she says.

"It isn't such an easy thing to make a mattress. After putting the time and labor required to make one, the owners are usually more interested in taking care of the mattress so that it will give the best service."

The first thing that should be done is to provide a mattress pad, made very much like a quilt, that just fits the top of the mattress. This pad can be made from feed sacks, with a thin layer of cotton between the top and the bottom, and quilted to hold the cotton in place. This will keep the mattress cleaner and fresher.

"Another thing that will prolong the life and protect the mattress from dust, is a slip cover that can be easily removed for laundering. This cover can be made from feed sacks or from unbleached muslin.

"The mattress should be aired and sunned occasionally. It isn't necessary to hang the mattress across the banisters or on the hedge to do this. Raise the windows, take all the cover off the bed and let the sun and air circulate around it. This is a much easier way than carrying it out doors every day and is just about as efficient."

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A scene on the Tuscaloosa Curb Market. This market brought in over \$11,000 to Tuscaloosa County farm families last month. Among the products sold are a wide variety of vegetables, flowers, preserved products, poultry, eggs, cured meats, and other things which can be produced at home.

Conservation Districts Program Is Underway

THE work plans of the Black Belt, Conecuh River, Coosa River and Wiregrass Soil Conservation Districts have been approved. The Secretary of Agriculture has entered into "memoranda of understanding" with the supervisors of each and operations were begun in July.

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will be placed on vegetation as a means of controlling erosion. Mechanical measures, such as terraces, meadow outlets, gully plantings, diversion ditches, etc., will be used to supplement and support vegetative cover.

One of the major causes of erosion in Alabama is the cropping system so generally practiced. Cotton, corn, and other clean-tilled row crops, all of which are conducive to erosion, take up over three-fourths of our total crop land.

With so much land plowed regularly and kept free of protective vegetation in a section with high average rainfall and very erodible soils, it is no wonder erosion has taken such a heavy toll of our soil resources.

One of the important phases of the soil conservation program will be the development of cropping systems with a smaller proportion of clean-tilled crops and more protection with thick growing vegetation. One of the aims in the district will be to secure the adoption of a cropping system that will provide all crop land with a cover of thick growing crops at least half of the time.

Permanent hay crops will be advised in preference to those requiring annual preparation of the soil, such as soybeans, cowpeas, etc. The use of more small grain as a substitute for some of the corn and a greater use of perennial legume hay instead of corn fodder will be encouraged.

The practice of rotating crops, especially rotating clean tilled crops with thick growing crops, will also be encouraged. Suitable rotations will be planned for individual farms so as to provide ample food for the farm livestock, as well as to give maximum protection with thick-growing crops. In doing this, the maximum use will be made of both winter and summer legumes, oats, etc.

Making The Most Of Tomato Season

It's tomato time in Alabama and time to think of filling that budget of 66 pints of tomatoes for each grown person in the family. No fruit or vegetable is more important than tomatoes. It is one of the best single foods for supplying Vitamins A, B, C, and G, particularly Vitamin C. Because of the rich vitamin content it is invaluable to both children and adults.

In canning tomatoes or putting up tomato juice, these general rules hold good: Use only firm, ripe tomatoes, free from decay or green spots, since keeping quality and flavor are readily affected. Do as much of the heating process as possible in the jar so as to preserve Vitamin C. Canned tomatoes should be packed cold and processed in the jar.

For canning tomato juice, it is best to hurry the process along; and cook small lots at a time before sieving. The juice is seasoned with salt, then packed in sterilized containers and sealed. Process in boiling water for five minutes. For further information refer to the Food Preservation Bulletin—Circular No. 154.

Diverting the steep slopes from cultivated crops to permanent, thick growing vegetation, such as lespedeza, sericea, and kudzu, will also be emphasized. The badly eroded areas will be reforested with pine.

Another important phase of the program will be that of permanent pasture development. On the majority of farms, there are areas of bottom land now wooded or grown up in elders, willows, etc., which if cleared would make excellent pasture land. Wherever possible, farmers will be encouraged to take eroded hill land out of pasture and clear up, fertilize and seed to pasture the more suitable bottom land.

Since more than two-thirds of the total area of the proposed district is woodland, farm forestry will certainly receive no little emphasis. A program of woods fire prevention, timber stand improvement and reforestation will be developed and carried to landowners and assistance given in carrying them out.

It has been found that the soil conservation payment under the Triple-A program will, if intelligently used over a five-year period, cover the cost of seed, fertilizer, etc., needed in carrying out a complete soil conservation program on the average farm. In developing farm plans in the districts, this payment will be utilized to the fullest extent.

It is now being realized that the most sensible approach to the erosion control problem is through that of wise use of the land. Wise land use simply involves using every acre of land on the farm for the crop for which it is best adapted in keeping with the needs of the farm.

